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Notice of Reasons for Rejection

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Provisions Applied: Sections 1 and 2 of Article 29 and Article 37

The subject application should be rejected for the reasons as stated below. Any relevant opinion may be filed in writing within 60 days from the date of dispatch hereof.

Reasons

Reason 1:

The subject application fails to satisfy the requirements of Article 37 of the Patent Law, as pointed out below.

Remarks

The principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 3, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 4, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 5, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 6, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 7, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 8, the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 9, the principal features of the invention as set forth

in claim 10 and the principal features of the invention as set forth in claim 11 are all definitely different from the principal features of the invention as set forth in claims 1 and 2 ("having a substrate holding a liquid crystal having negative dielectric anisotropy, a thin-film transistor formed in each pixel region, a resin color filter layer formed in each pixel region, a pixel electrode formed in each pixel region and an orientation regulating structure formed on the substrate for regulating the orientation of the liquid crystal"), and none of those inventions can, therefore, be considered as satisfying any of the relationships allowable by the provisions of Article 37 of the Patent Law.

As the subject application fails to conform to the provisions of Article 37 of the Patent Law, none of the inventions as set forth in the claims other than claims 1 and 2 has been examined on the merits including novelty and unobviousness. Reasons 2 and 3:

The inventions according to the claims in the subject application as indicated below are unpatentable pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Section 1 of Article 29 of the Patent Law, since they are the inventions described in the publications distributed in Japan or abroad prior to the present application and listed below, or the inventions made available to the public through electric communication lines in Japan or abroad prior to the present application. The inventions

according to the claims in the subject application as indicated below are unpatentable pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Article 29 of the Patent Law, since they could have easily been made prior to the present application by anybody having ordinary knowledge in the field of art to which they pertain, based on the inventions described in the publications distributed in Japan or abroad prior to the present application and listed below, or based on the inventions made available to the public through electric communication lines in Japan or abroad prior to the present application.

Remarks (For citations, etc., see the List of Citations, etc.)

Claims 1 and 2 - Citations 1 and 2:

Remarks:

Reference is made in Citation 1 to paragraphs 6 and 18 to 21 in the Detailed Description of the Invention, Examples 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 4.

Reference is made in Citation 2 to paragraph 5 in the Detailed Description of the Invention, Examples 1 and 2 and Figures 1 and 2.

List of Citations, etc.

Citation 1: JP-A-2001-83518

Citation 2: JP-A-2001-83520

Any inquiry concerning the present reasons for rejection, or any request for an interview in the present matter may be directed to Migita, First Patent Examining Department - Optical

Devices (Liquid Crystal Devices) (Extension 3293 in the Patent Office).